

# Cadoul - The Gift

Year of production: 2015

Genre: Fiction (Drama)

Length: 17:28

Format: digital

Screen ratio: 2:35:1

Screening format: DCP sound Dolby SR 5.1

Directing: Dumitru Grosei

Script: Marian Crișan, Dumitru Grosei

Production: Dumitru Grosei – ALTERNATIVE CINEMA (Moldova)

Co-Production: Andreea Tănase / Marian Crișan – ROVA FILM (România)

DOP: Adrian Pădurețu

Editing: Tudor Pojoni

Sound design: Mihai Bogos

Cast: Valeriu Andriuță – Father  
Niko Becker – Victor  
Oliver Toderiță - Petrică

## **Synopsis**

A kid gets a pair of binoculars as a Christmas gift, but what he wants more is to go hunting with his father.

## **Director's statement**

Every child has, at one moment, a coming of age experience. This short film observes one of these moments. Victor, the kid in the film THE GIFT, goes hunting with his father for the first time. He will confront the brutal and grotesque reality of this ritual in a sunny winter day.

## **Official selections**

- Open Film Festival KINOSHOK 2015 (Anapa, Russia);
- European Film Festival 2015 (Bucharest, Romania);
- VI Festival-Workshop of Young Filmmakers CIS countries 2016 (Tbilisi, Georgia);

- Busho Vision 12 – Budapest Short International Film Festival 2016 (Budapest, Hungary);
- Balkan New Film Festival 2016 (Stockholm, Sweden);
- VII Festival-Workshop of Young Filmmakers CIS countries 2017 (Batumi, Georgia);
- International Television and Independent Producers Film Festival 2017 (Târgu Mureș, Romania);
- FUICLA – International Cine-Letter Film Festival 2018 (Agadir, Morocco);
- Green Valley International Film Festival 2018 (Istanbul, Turkey);
- Balkan Film Food Festival 2018 (Pogradec, Albania);
- BUZZ CEE - International Film Festival 2018 (Buzau, Romania);
- Lebanese Independent Film Festival - LIFF 2018 (Beirut, Lebanon);
- International Ecological Film Festival TO SAVE AND PRESERVE 2018 (Russia);
- Hong Kong Film Art International Film Festival 2018 (Hong Kong);
- Nebrodi FilmFest 2018 (Messina, Italy);
- Indie Best Films Festival (Ibestff) 2018 (California, USA);
- Nebrodi FilmFest 2018 (Mesina, Italy);
- Hong Kong Film Art International Film Festival 2018 (Hong Kong, China);
- International Short Film Festival 2018 (Pune, India);
- Constanta International Film Festival 2018 (Constanta, Romania);
- AltFF Alternative Film Festival 2018 (Toronto, Canada);
- The Lift-Off Sessions 2018 (Iver, United Kingdom);
- Switzerland International Film Festival 2018 (Switzerland);
- Inshort Film Festival 2019 (Lagos, Nigeria);
- Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival 2019 (Mumbai, India);

### **Official screenings**

- Short Film Corner Cannes Film Festival 2014 (France);
- The Night of Cultural Institutes 2014 (Bucharest, Romania);
- Thessaloniki Cinema Museum 2014 (Thessaloniki, Greece);
- CRONOGRAF Documentary International Film Festival 2015 (Chisinau, Moldova);
- Les courts de Cannes a Chisinau 2015 (Chisinau, Moldova);
- Romanian Culture Festival in Poland 2016 (Krakow, Poland);
- Moldovan Film Days in Orhei 2017 (Orhei, Moldova);

### **Nominations:**

- Semi-Finalist (Indie Best Films Festival (Ibestff) 2018, Santa Monica USA);
- Finalist, Best Film of the Festival Nomination and Best Actor Nomination for Niko Beker (AltFF Alternative Film Festival 2018, Toronto, Canada) - THE GIFT;

### **Awards**

- Illrd Prize (Balkan New Film Festival 2016, Stockholm);
- Winner Best Costume - Simona Pădurețu (International Short Film Festival Pune India 2018, Pune, India) - THE GIFT;

### **TV Releases**

- 2015 – VOD SMARTLYFILM (Italy)
- 2016 – ZENITH DIGITAL SHORT FILMS (Australia)
- 2017 – CINEMARATON (Romania)
- 2018 – Teleradio Moldova